

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 23-30 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 29 and 30 have been amended to better describe certain aspects of the invention. Claims 20-22, 31, and 32 have been canceled without prejudice. Favorable consideration in light of the amendment and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

I. The Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-13 and 23-28 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

II. The Amendments

Claims 29 and 30 have been amended to better describe the scattering of the subject Chinese kaolin.

III. The Indefiniteness Rejection

Claims 29-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for enablement with regard to the scattering parameters. Claims 29 and 30 have been amended to better describe the scattering of the subject Chinese kaolin, as suggested by the Examiner. Since the scope of claims 29 and 30 is commensurate with the data in Figure 4, claims 29 and 30 are indeed enabled by the specification. Claims 31 and 32 have been canceled rendering the rejection moot for these claims.

IV. The Novelty Rejection

Claims 20-22 and 31-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over an article. Since claims 20-22 and 31-32 have been canceled, this rejection is rendered moot.

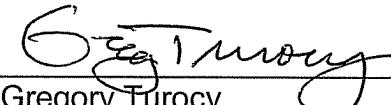
V. Conclusion

The present application is believed to be condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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